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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please cancel claims 23 - 30 since they are the subject matter of a divisional application, Serial No. 07/558,312, filed 10/15/1990. The remaining claims are 15 - 22 and 31 - 44.

## <u>REMARKS</u>

Entry and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is requested.

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